



Missouri Sheep and Goat Report



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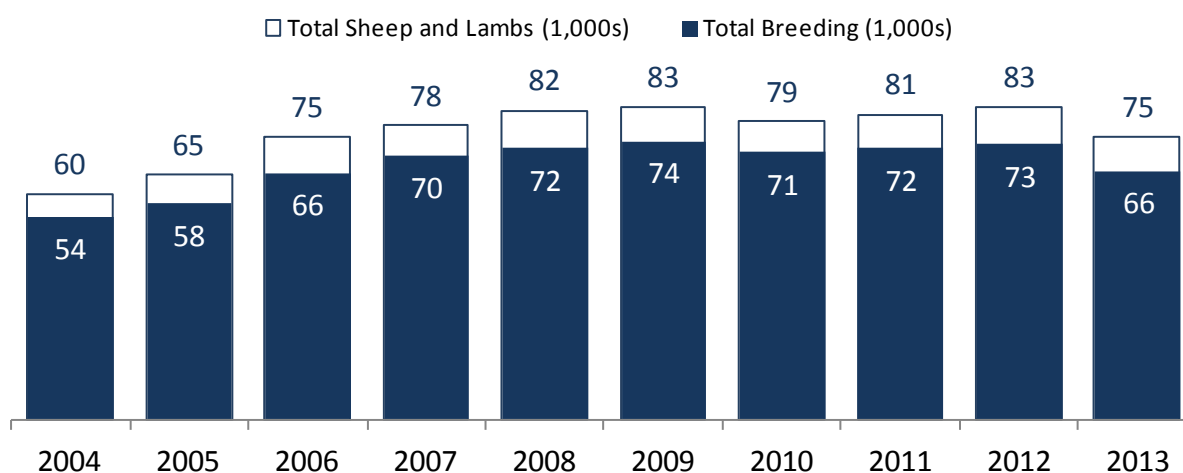
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Sheep Numbers Fall in 2012

(Columbia, MO) Missouri sheep inventory is estimated at 75 thousand as of January 1, 2013. This is a decline of 8 thousand, or 10 percent from January 1, 2012. This is the sharpest reduction since inventory fell 10 thousand between January 1, 2003 and 2004 and the lowest total inventory since 2006. The extreme drought that the state experienced last summer devastated pastures across the state, putting pressure on sheep operations. Breeding sheep and lamb numbers declined by 7 thousand to 66 thousand. Market sheep and lambs are estimated at 9 thousand, a decrease of one thousand from a year ago.

Missouri Sheep and Lamb Inventory, January 1

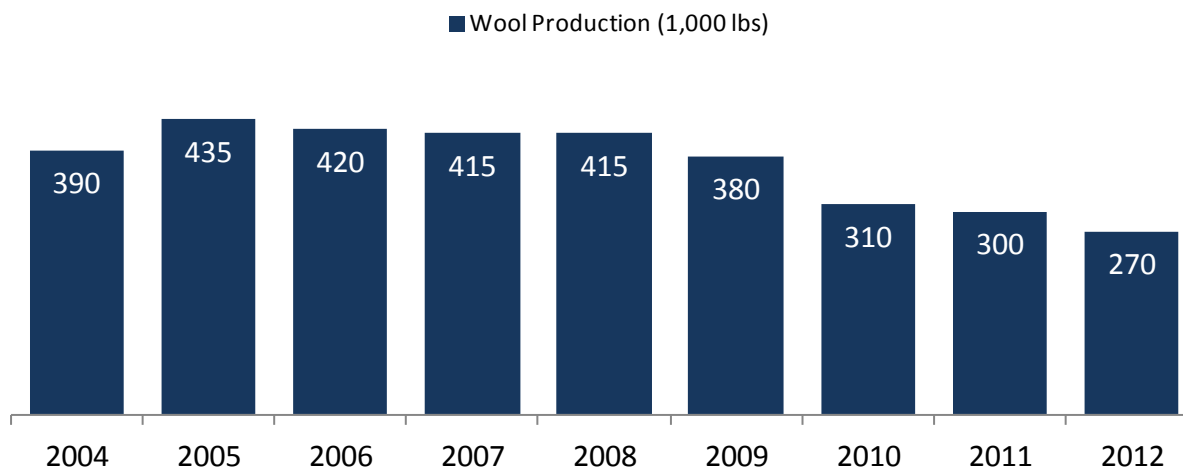


Lamb Crop The Missouri lamb crop for 2012, at 68 thousand, is two thousand lower than the previous year's total. In each of the past five years the lamb crop has been close to 70 thousand. The lambing rate for 2012 was 117 lambs per 100 ewes on hand as of January 1, 2012. This is lower than the rate of 126 lambs per 100 ewes in 2011, but the same rate as in 2008.

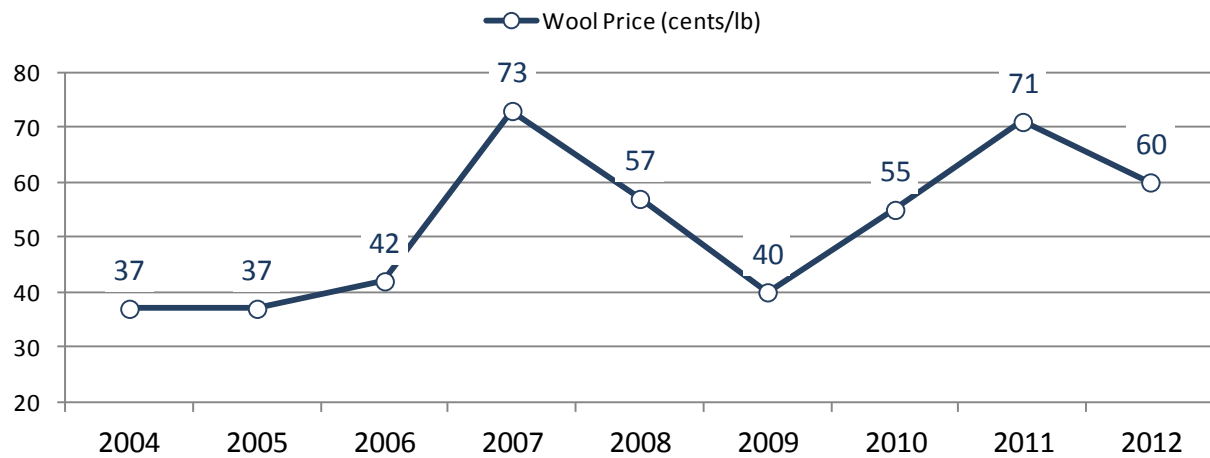
Missouri Sheep Inventory	2011	2012	2013	2013/2012
	Head			Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	81,000	83,000	75,000	90
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	72,000	73,000	66,000	90
Ewes 1 year and older	57,000	58,000	53,000	91
Rams 1 year and older	3,000	3,000	3,000	100
Market Sheep and Lambs	9,000	10,000	9,000	90
Sheep 1 Year old and over	1,000	1,000	1,000	100
Lambs under 1 year old	8,000	9,000	8,000	89
Under 65 pounds	4,000	3,000	3,100	103
65 - 84 pounds	1,500	2,500	2,000	80
85 - 105 pounds	1,700	2,000	1,700	85
Over 105 pounds	800	1,500	1,200	80
Lamb Crop	72,000	68,000		

Wool Production Wool production fell to 270 thousand pounds off of 45 thousand sheep shorn, ten percent less than 2011 production. This is the fourth decline in a row. The price of wool is estimated at 60 cents per pound, 11 cents below last year but the third highest in recent years. This puts the value of wool production for Missouri at \$162 thousand, the smallest in seven years.

Missouri Wool Production (1,000 lbs)

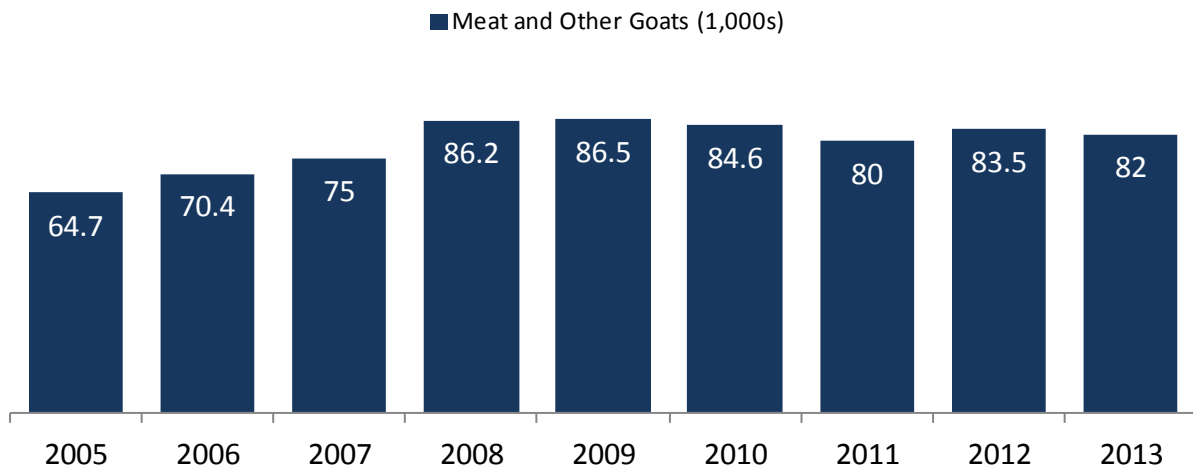


Missouri Wool Price



Goat Inventory The number of meat and other goats in Missouri as of January 1, 2013 declined by an estimated one thousand five hundred since January 1, 2012 to 82 thousand. The number of milk goats increased by an estimated one thousand to 10 thousand. Angora goats are estimated at 2,700. Combining all types of goats together yields an estimated 94,700 goats across the state of Missouri.

Missouri Meat Goat Inventory, January 1



U.S. Highlights: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 5.34 million head, down 1 percent from 2012. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2013, down 1 percent from 4.0 million head on January 1, 2012. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2013, totaled 1.36 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2012. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-three percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 22 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 37 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2012 lamb crop of 3.46 million head, was down 2 percent from 2011. The 2012 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2012, unchanged from 2011.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2012 was 28.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2011. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.93 million head, also down 2 percent from 2011. The average price paid for wool sold in 2012 was \$1.53 per pound for a total value of 43.6 million dollars, down 11 percent from 48.9 million dollars in 2011.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 2.81 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. Does one year old and older, at 1.73 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 490 thousand head, up one percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2012 totaled 1.79 million head for all goats, down 5 percent from 2011.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.32 million head on January 1, 2013, down 2 percent from 2012. Milk goat inventory was 360 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2012, while Angora goats were down 7 percent, totaling 136 thousand head.

A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 23,000 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 75 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.

Link to the US report: <http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/current/SheeGoat/SheeGoat-02-01-2013.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp